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Park It

► Parking issue sparks panel to discuss problem and possible solutions.

J. BRANDKAMP & LAURA MIHAIOFF
staff reporter & campusbeat editor

The college's first parking forum was held on Wednesday, Nov. 19 so that students and administrators could brainstorm ideas to combat the parking problems on campus.

The panel was made up of three college administrators, two Student Congress representatives, and a police officer.

Key issues discussed were the limited number of parking spaces available and campus safety. Public Safety reported that 1,211 permits were issued, though the college has only 864 spaces.

"1.5 permits per parking space should be given out... because many students don't use them daily" said Director of Public Safety, Duane Terpstra. "With current policy, even if 500 more students applied for permits, they would be given out."

This isn't to say that the Administration is unconcerned about parking issues.

"The college is looking into purchasing property south of Siberia for 60 more cars," said Vice President of Business and Finance Bill Anderson.

Both sides agreed that the cur-



STAYIN' ALIVE: Students try their hands at beating the dealer in Blackjack at Casino Night on Nov. 22. Hundreds of students crowded Phelps in hopes of cashing in on prizes.

Anchor photo by Josh Neucks

Phelps turned into discotheque

SARA LAMERS
staff reporter

Phelps was transformed into a retro 70's casino complete with metallic streamers, disco balls, bright lights, and a waterfall to help Social Activities Committee pull off its most popular event of the year, Casino Night, on Friday, Nov. 21.

Hope students donned bell bottoms, leisure suits, and platform heels to try their hands at a variety of traditional casino games like Blackjack, Roulette, Beat the Dealer, Razzle Dazzle, and Bingo.

"The Disco theme was something new we decided to try this year because it was different than

what we had done with Casino Night in the past," said SAC member Shelly Hendrick ('00). "It also went along well with the SAC movie for the weekend, which was Saturday Night Fever."

"The real reason we decided on a Disco theme was because we just wanted to see a bunch of velvet platforms and leisure suits," said SAC Publicity Chair Drew McCulley ('00).

Overall, the change in theme was well received by Hope students.

"If ever there was a good theme, this is it," said Dan Lannin ('01).

Still other students opted for formal attire rather than the retro look.

"Disco frightens me," said Beth Denton ('00). "I just don't like it."

This year marked the 7th anniversary of Casino Night, which becomes more and more popular each year.

"Casino Night began when Director of Student Activities Ann Bakker-Gras was challenged to come up with a Fall event that could compete with the popularity of Fantasia," said SAC member Greg Folkert ('98). "It has been extremely popular and we hope to continue to have it each year."

The planning for the event began two months prior, and involved purchasing materials and soliciting support from area businesses.

"Most of the prizes have been donated and we really appreciate the support," Folkert said.

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Core changes in place

DANA LAMERS
staff reporter

Hope's new Core Curriculum was implemented for the first time this semester with the class of 2001.

Hope's Core Curriculum is based on the liberal education philosophy, which urges students to explore not only a plethora of different areas of knowledge, but also aims to provide "those intellectual skills which will prepare students for their responsibilities as informed, sensitive, competent members of the global community."

Hope's faculty realizes that continual improvements and modifications can be made in classes to give students the best preparation and skills possible for the coming years.

According to Provost Jacob Nyenhuis, as the Core Curriculum is presently being modified, the faculty is focusing on the idea of "constant conversation."

"As a faculty we need to be constantly talking about the curriculum goals and objectives," he said.

On April 25, 1996 the faculty voted to restructure the Core Curriculum. Preparation was done last year to get ready for the "pilot sections" of the curriculum courses

which have run this fall semester, and will continue to take a "test run" this spring semester, before being fully implemented for the freshman class of 2002 next fall.

New classes being added include First Year Seminars (FYS), in which all new freshmen will be required to register for next fall. In an FYS class the student's instructor is also assigned as his/her academic advisor.

This semester, six pilot sections of FYS were offered. Each section focuses on one issue ranging from AIDS to world hunger, while the course also makes a conscious effort to "focus on ways of knowing, seeing, and evaluating, rather than on specific knowledge or content."

English Professor Heather Sellers is teaching an FYS entitled "The South" this semester. She sees her students reaping many benefits from the course such as "poise, confidence, intellectual skills, thinking and reading skills, lots of personalized attention, and the chance to practice talking like a college student which help in making that intellectual transition from high school to college."

"I think all first-year students need this course," she said. "I think they will be really happy they have it. For many of our students, it's their fa-

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Anchor photo by Sufjan Stevens

JOLLY MARCHERS: Santa studies the Holland High marching band to see who's been naughty and nice during the Thanksgiving and Christmas parade on Nov. 22.

Pull study results revealed

JOSLIN FEINAUER
staff reporter

Each fall, Hope students, faculty, parents, and community members venture out to the Black River to watch an upscale tug-of-war competition between the freshman and sophomore classes.

Amidst all the excitement surrounding the Pull's 100th anniversary this fall, Hope College faculty and administrators were concerned about the pullers' safety.

"We were solicited by administration and student development to

research whether or not the pullers were training in the right way," said Professor of Kinesiology Mark Northuis. "We suspected that pullers might be too fatigued. We thought that if they were fresher, they might pull better."

Assisting in this research were Ben Cook ('98) and Jennifer Geerdink ('99).

"We wanted more information about what happened physiologically at the pull practices," Cook said. "Coach Northuis came up with the tests and I assisted as part

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Student workshop combats exam stress

LAURA MIHAIOFF
campusbeat editor

Finals will be here in a week and "To Do" lists are rapidly piling up.

Hope professors, feeling students' pain, teamed up with the counseling center to form the Health Planning Councils and offer a series of six "Extra Credit for a Healthy Life" seminars.

The second one, held Thursday, Nov. 20 was a Stress Management Workshop led by Psychology Professor Jim Motiff.

Motiff began the seminar by explaining the importance of a physically and emotionally healthy life.

"The whole idea was to incorporate health and disease prevention into the academic experience irrespective of major," said psychologist Darell Schregardus, who got the idea after visiting San Francisco State University.

"Stress management is the key to success in college," Motiff said.

Motiff offered his audience a prescription for a healthy life, involving eight hours of sleep, a balanced high carbohydrate diet, regular exercise, and plenty of laughter.

Motiff discouraged students from taking in too much caffeine, while noting that a little bit can be beneficial.

"Neurons fire better with a little bit of caffeine...and its effects stay around for four to five hours," he said.

Unmanaged stress may lead to depression, which is marked by loss of interest, energy, and motivation. Feeling overwhelmed, "we try to escape through sleep and

withdrawal from other people," Motiff said.

The seminar also went on to point out that, while preparing for finals, it is important to relax. Laughter and relaxation/self-hypnotic techniques are two good ways to achieve this.

Many people watch television to take a break from the books, but Motiff discourages this.

"T.V. does not relax us but keep us up," he said. "Laughter increases our immunity."

Taking it a step further, he led all 200-plus participants in a progressive relaxation technique much like self-hypnosis.

Five professors required participation or offered extra credit, as well as C.A.A.R.E. and Greek Life.

"It worked," said Katie Butler ('01). "I really got into it. I felt so relaxed."

Motiff offered tips for quick relaxation before exams. With eyes closed, the audience was asked to take a deep breath in and out and let their jaw become loose.

"It had a good meaning behind it but I think a lot of us were stressed out and so when we did the relaxation technique I fell asleep," said Melonie Hall ('01).

Motiff also suggested a six-second quieting response for positive thinking and urged students to spend time not studying just before the exam, to practice positive self-talk, and to wear a lucky locket or favorite sweater the day of an exam.

"The people who do the best on exams are the people who are relaxed before they enter the classroom," he said.



Anchor photo by Josh Neucks

'GOOD QUESTION': Director of Operations and Technology Greg Maybury, Dean of Students Richard Frost, and Vice President of Business and Finance Bill Anderson ponder over questions raised by students as to where to park on campus during the parking forum Nov. 19.

Students voice their concerns on parking

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rent situation is getting to be unsupportable, with 40 to 50 cars consistently parking illegally.

Also, Public Safety recently did a 3 a.m. count of vacant parking spaces on campus and found nine.

Among the proposals presented by Students Against Poor Parking and being considered by the administration are the consolidation of items in cottage garages to allow for the parking of cars (especially for cars used infrequently), and opening faculty lots for student parking on weekends.

S.A.P.P. suggested charging faculty and employees of the college for parking as well.

"This would entail cutting someone's paycheck, and I just don't see that happening," said Richard Frost, Dean of Students.

The administration will ask the city if the college can institute angle parking along 10th Street to increase parking volume there, and

is also looking into eliminating the trailers on Lot S near the recycle bins to create more parking there as well. The possibility of not giving permits to freshmen starting next year is currently being considered.

A number of safety issues were raised during the forum, including lighting, frequency of patrols by campus security, and escorting of students back to their residences while intoxicated.

The administration is going to evaluate the parking lot lighting situation, particularly the lighting at the Peale (Lot C) parking area. The possibility of increasing patrols and/or van escort service was raised.

"The cost of an extra van or more patrol cars would begin to take away from the educational funds and/or financial aid available to Hope College students," Frost said.

Chair of the Campus Safety Task

Force for Student Congress Becky Renner ('01) proposed an escort program in which students would be employed to escort students to their residences when cars aren't available.

"I'm satisfied with the meeting, but I'll be fully satisfied when results occur," said S.A.P.P. Resolution Chair James Palmer ('98).

Palmer said that he hopes garage access in cottages, better lighting, and opening faculty lots to students on weekends can be enacted this semester. He also hopes the school will begin to buy property for more parking next semester.

"For such a big issue on campus it's disturbing to see so few students stand up to voice their concerns," said President of Student Congress Paul Loodeen ('99). "A lot of valid questions were raised, but it would have made more of an impact on the people sitting on the panel to see something done."

CASINO from 1

SAC also received assistance from the Centurian fraternity, the Delta Phi sorority, Residential Life, Creative Dining employees, and other Hope staff.

"I have never been involved in Casino Night before, but I'm having a great time," said Blackjack Dealer Rhonda Velderman, a Phelps employee.

"The dealers are great," said Marcy Slotman ('01). "They are really showing us the money."

Throughout the night, students tried their hands at a number of different Casino games, and many made multiple trips to the "banker" to purchase more money in hopes of winning enough money to claim

one of the many prizes as their own.

"I've cashed in \$19,000 so far tonight and I'm still doing great," said Ryan Bass ('01). "This is awesome. SAC should hold it twice a year."

Available prizes included sweatshirts and T-shirts, food vouchers, and gift certificates to area businesses. Larger prizes included a TV, VCR, and a mountain bike.

"You never know what you can do until you put your mind to it," said Murshed Khadija ('00), who pooled his winnings with several of his friends to purchase the TV.

Students also enjoyed popular 70's tunes, which were deejayed by

Hope's own WTHS, who gave out free CDs and kept the atmosphere upbeat and energetic.

The night proved to be lucky for an ecstatic Tim Heneveld ('99) who won the grand prize, a trip for two to Disney World.

"It's supposed to be cold in Michigan, but it's 90 degrees in Orlando. Looks like I'll opt for Florida," he said. "I was surprised to win. Things like this don't happen every day."

After the gambling ended and the tables were cleared away, the party continued as Hope students danced to songs popular during the era, such as "The Hustle," "Staying Alive," and "I Will Survive."

More than 800 Hope College students attended Casino Night, which helped SAC to offset the cost involved.

"Any money we make goes back into our budget, and most of it is used to cover our expenses for holding the event," said SAC member Erin Overmeyer ('99). "The event was a great success this year and it looks like everyone had a great time."

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The Power of Music

Gospel Choir worship at conference

JENNIFER JAMES
staff reporter

An estimated 7,000 teens gathered together at Grand Rapids First Assembly of God Church on Saturday, Nov. 22, for an Assembly of God Michigan district youth convention. Sitting among these young people was the Hope College Gospel Choir.

The conference was a "celebration of God," according to Kim White ('00), a member of the Gospel Choir.

"There were songs, worshipping, a speaker, and an altar call," she said.

The Gospel Choir was invited to help lead this mass group of kids in worship.

Jill McKinnon ('00) noticed that the event differed from previous Gospel Choir concerts.

"We performed for them, and we were there to listen too," she said. "I wasn't expecting that."

White agrees with her, claiming that the event "was not directed on us. We were just as blessed by them as they were by us."

The convention held a service the night before with a salvation message.

"There were 750 salvations Friday night," said Kayrl Stead ('00). "Saturday's message was on being filled with the Holy Spirit so you can go out and reach your world."

There was an altar call toward the end of the service on Saturday

where many kids and some Hope College students joined to pray and receive gifts of the Holy Spirit that had been preached about.

"Some people were slain [in the Spirit]. Some spoke in tongues," White said. "Every time kids went to the altar they would jump up and down and cry. They were so excited for God; they wanted God so much. It was great."

"So many people in our generation are on fire for God," McKinnon said. "By seeing that, there is hope for the future."

White, who went to the altar, described her experience as being peaceful and refreshing.

"It was neat to see all the people around me just praising God," McKinnon said.

The day offered new experiences for almost everybody that went

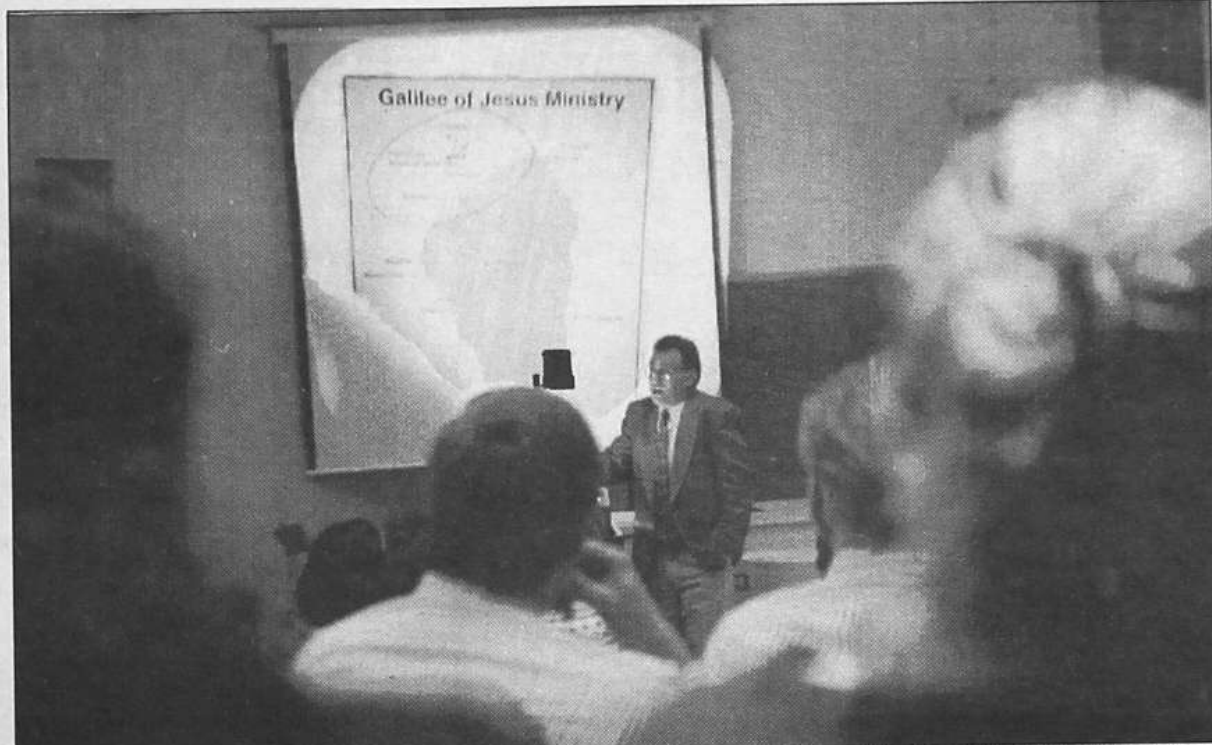
"It wasn't just the pastor laying hands on people, it was the kids, too," White said. "That is something I haven't seen before."

"[The service] was strong and powerful," Michelle Chowning ('01) said.

"I'm from such a traditional church, and it was a lot more powerful than a traditional church service. It was hard for me to relate to."

However, Chowning recognizes that the experience was beneficial.

"It was good for me," she said. "It gave me the opportunity to see [the] different approaches [to] the different kinds of (worship)."



Anchor photo by Sufjan Stevens

RABBI RAY: Local school teacher Ray Vanderlaan spoke to a packed house of Hope College students and community members on the Judaic experience.

Holland native explains Judaism

JOHN BRANDKAMP
staff reporter

Hope College hosted Ray Vanderlaan, an expert on Judaic studies who also teaches at Holland Christian High School, on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Approximately 85 people attended the talk sponsored by the Hope College Pew Society.

Along with his duties as a teacher, he currently takes groups of students to Israel six times a year, which has a ten year waiting list.

The theme of his talk concerned the nature of the teachings of Jesus, and how they might be used in

modern educational settings. First he discussed the difference between how Greeks and Hebrews viewed learning and faith.

The Greeks believed learning and faith were two separate things, whereas the Hebrews thought of the two as being essentially the same.

Vanderlaan's assertion is that the

modern world, particularly in America, thinks similar to the Greeks, when it comes to learning and faith. He believes Americans view learning as something separate from, and even at odds with, faith.

The Hebrews, on the other hand, thought in a holistic way.

"Learning is life, a supreme experience of living, a climax of existence," he said, quoting a Rabbinic proverb.

Vanderlaan went on to distinguish how the Hebrew people thought in comparison to the Greeks. Hebrews would say, "God is a strong rock, a

caring shepherd, or has the wings of an eagle."

Vanderlaan makes the contention that Hebrews thought in concrete, non-abstract terms.

The Greeks however, would use conceptual or characteristic terms to describe God, such as, "God is love, strength, or truth."

"To a Hebrew, knowledge is something you experience, something you use," he said. "To know is to do."

The second half of Vanderlaan's talk concerned four Hebrew words that can mean "to teach."

The first word was Ra'ah, which means to tend or feed the flock, much like the Rabbi must be with his students. He must understand the needs of the flock.

Bin means to understand, distinguish, or to relate.

"Brilliance is not in knowing the right answers, but in knowing the right questions, i.e. asking questions that lead to answers."

—Ray Vanderlaan
Judaic Studies expert

Shanan, the third, means to pierce, or to impress upon. The Rabbi walks the student through life experiences and tells parables.

And finally, Torah, which means to give guidance, direction, instruction, to lead in obedience to God.

Vanderlaan made the point that only a few Rabbi had the authority to expound on the Hebrew scriptures, and that Jesus was one of them. In fact, it was Jesus's radical re-interpretation of scripture and traditional Rabbinic teachings that caused much of the controversy during his ministry.

Grooters & Beal on tap for Rock Vespers

DANA LAMERS
staff reporter

After taking a one year hiatus, Director of Chapel Music Dwight Beal and his musical partner John Grooters will again take the stage this Christmas season to perform "Rock Vespers."

This will be the eighth year that Dwight and John, known as Grooters and Beal, will do a Rock Vespers show together. The concert will be performed for three audiences, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. and two shows Dec. 20, 8 p.m. and an afternoon show at 2 p.m. All shows will take place at Welsh Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

"Every year we try to have some type of mission outreach," Beal said.

This year's net proceeds will go to support Kids Hope U.S.A., a pro-

gram of International Aid, Inc. Kids Hope U.S.A. is a mentoring and tutoring program that brings at-risk students, schools, and churches together.

"It focuses on one-on-one mentoring run through the church,

but done in public schools," Beal said.

Rock Vespers focuses on the theme the "Power of Christmas," and is a contemporary Broadway-

style concert that incorporates rock music, comedy, drama, laser lights, sound, modern dance, and multimedia video to tell the 2,000 year old story of Christmas in the language of today.

Beal describes Rock Vespers atmosphere as "worshipful" and a "powerful message within a powerful medium."

"The event itself is so much fun to perform," Beal said. "Christmas is the time of year when everyone wants to celebrate. It provides an open door to tell the story of Christmas in a fresh, new way."

Tickets can be bought through Ticketmaster at (616)456-3333, Booksellers on

8th Street downtown, 396-0043, or at the Grand Center Box office in Grand Rapids. At this time, many tickets are still available for the evening shows.



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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR...



Glyn Williams

I am a senior and I have only one semester left as a college student. Scary thought. My education tour de force has been a shaky one so far and a learning experience, but not the way most people expect.

As I approach my final semester on Hope's campus, I have a lot of thoughts rolling around about what I have learned and you can't find it in some \$95 book in the bookstore. I am not quite ready for the real world yet, as I still have to organize my thoughts and consider what I have learned and what I have yet to learn. After seven semesters of life I have to sit down and think about what is next. What lies ahead can be found through looking at what was in the past that got me here.

When I was a freshman I was a bright-eyed kid and everything affected me. I had an opinion on everything and told it to everyone. I was so passionate for all that was going on.

I have changed. Now, if something does not affect me I don't care about it. Now, my attitude is that there are two important things that happen in life. There is birth and there's death and everything else in the middle is just revolving, rotating filler. I don't get overly emotional anymore, whether it be angry, happy, or sad.

I am leaving and I look back and do not see a lot that I have left for the underclassmen. My advice on my way out is that everything works out for the best one way or another and at the same time nothing ever works out exactly the way you want it to, so don't stress too

hard over things.

My attitude towards school work has shifted as well. I have begun to realize that I don't need all this crap that I go through.

The main learning aspect of college is gained not through French 101, but rather through living.

I have learned that 80 percent of life's little bridges can be crossed with the use of common sense, and that is what college helps us develop.

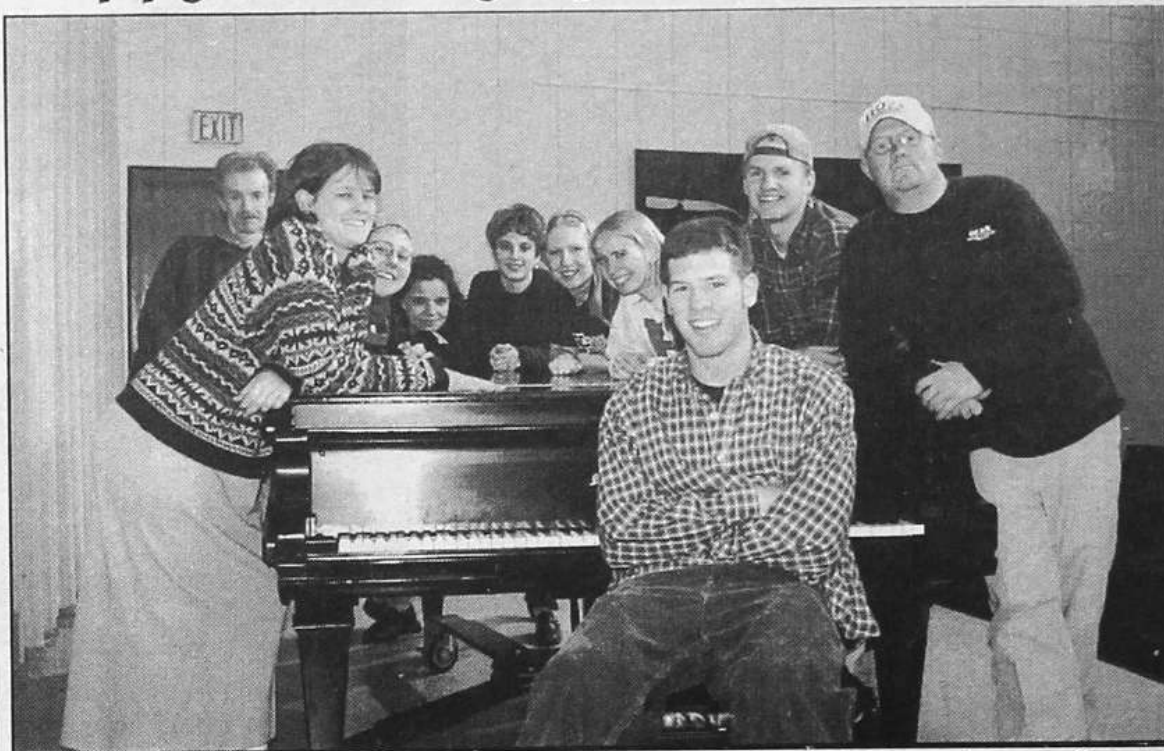
What we need to get out of college is the ability to reason and think logically on a daily basis in society.

I have learned more about being an honest, hard-working, intelligent human being while sitting on the torn up couch in the Anchor office than I have sitting in any class Hope has to offer.

It really is too bad it took me a long time to realize where my priorities in life should be. Part of my road has been paved by discovering for myself what my priorities are.

As a freshman I skipped class because I was lazy and my roommate had a Sega. As a sophomore I skipped class because I was lazy and had cable TV. As a junior I skipped because I had things to do in the Anchor office. As a senior I skip classes because I am too busy learning.

Happy Holidays from the Anchor



TUNED IN: The members of the 1997-98 Anchor staff would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season. Pictured are: (clockwise) Amy-Lynn Halverson ('98), Miriam Beyer ('98), John Brandkamp ('01), Laura Mihailoff ('97), Sara Lamers ('01), Amy Hall ('98), Noelle Wood ('98), Mike Zuidema ('00), Glyn Williams ('98), and Josh Neucks ('99).

your voice.

Sons of Argos wish to clarify minor misunderstandings

Dear Editor,

The Sons of Argos wish to thank you for the even-handed, November 19 article focusing on our work.

However, we found the last two paragraphs in your editorial "Search For Truth" to misrepresent the nature of our work. Obviously, a misunderstanding has occurred.

If this misunderstanding is based upon anything we have said or written, we wish to apologize and to set the record straight.

In your editorial, you write that our work is "completely relativistic" because we maintain that we "do not have all the truth." We wish to make clear that the two ideas are not equivalent. Orthodox Christians have always been humble enough to recognize that they do not have all the answers. It is a fact that our minds (in this life at least) are such that the entirety of the truth cannot be contained in them. The relativist takes this fact and turns it into something that it isn't. By denying the possibility of objective truth, they relegate all thought to the realm of opinion. Yet they presume to speak for the truth by saying that every idea (whatever its merit) is

"true," at least for the person that holds it. This is a self-congratulating, deceptive, and corrupt hypothesis. Relativists would constrain the truth by making it a weak, abstract concept—purely a conjecture of the mind.

Christians, on the other hand, believe that the truth is not an abstract concept and that it cannot be explained away as a product of our small minds. Christians believe that truth is contained in a person—Jesus Christ—whose claim to being the Truth is unique and demands a response.

Secondly, your editorial suggests that in shooting for absolute truth, we achieve "partial truth" and that this is a good thing. This is another position which we reject and which we addressed in our piece entitled "Sour Grapes." Orthodox Christians have never been content with partial truth—as if Jesus Christ could be divisible. Christians have always considered themselves blessed to know what they do know about God in this life. But they also believe that one day they shall see Him face to face and know fully even as they are fully known. What an eternal blessing that will be!

Possibly what caused the confusion over our work is that some find it hard to believe that a group of writers so absolute in their claims could be, at the same time, so invitational to others. It is a shame that the relativists have won the public relations war and are the only ones considered kind and compassionate to those who are searching for truth.

Such has not always been the case. The Apostles and the Early Church came alongside people, preached the truth, motivated them to search for the truth, and loved them in truth. Christians, if they are to be true to the One whose name they bear, must be both fierce in their commitment to truth and unwavering in their commitment to love people. Relativism merely "tolerates." The Gospel loves.

We thank you for allowing us to clarify our position. Those who seek to debate with us on this or any other point may write to us at Sons of Argos, P.O. Box 2574, Holland, MI 49422-2574 or e-mail us at our new email account: sonsofargos@juno.com.

The Sons of Argos

Anti-pluralist should broaden his horizons, student says

Dear Editor,

Regarding Matthew Sterenberg's letter to the editor (11.19.97): Although I support his distinction between "respecting another's belief" and "respecting another's right to hold those beliefs," I find his comparison of non-Christian religions to (1) the Heaven's Gate suicide cult and (2) belief in a flat earth, deeply offensive.

Unlike Sterenberg (apparently), I respect the beliefs of Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Jews, Baha'is, etc. and believe any bona fide Christian should do the same. Rather than regarding the pluralist position as "silly" or "chaotic and confused," I deem the overdue Christian shift toward inclusive dia-

logue a great moral advance over the shallow and idolatrous absolutism of the past. Sterenberg is obviously right that compassionate people are morally obliged to prevent loved ones from committing self-destructive acts, but I choose to honor non-Christian religious devotion for its abundant creativity instead of dismissing it (on the basis of complete ignorance, I can only assume) as destructive.

"In colleges," Sterenberg writes, "people are engaged in the process of sorting truth from untruth, and discrediting some ideas while arguing for others." I agree entirely, and hope his "sorting" will someday include an accurate understanding of religions other than his own.

If he makes an effort to under-

stand Buddhism (for example) as experienced by a Buddhist—instead of passing simplistic judgment from the lofty height of his "supreme" perspective—I suspect a feeling of respect (enough, at least, to preclude appeal to crude analogies) would inevitably result.

To start, I suggest M.V. Rienstra's essay "Surprising Treasures: An Interfaith Experience" in the latest (Nov - 97) edition of the RCA journal *Perspectives*. For further study, I recommend any book written by W.C. Smith (especially *The Faith of Other Men*) or any class taught by our own Boyd Wilson.

Kurt A. Dershem ('98)

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Student projects bring Christmas cheer

NOELLE WOOD
holidays editor

From the warm glow of Christmas lights on Eighth Street to the decorated trees in the Haworth Center, there is no question that everyone's favorite jolly holiday is here.

Along with the festive decorations, the spirit of giving has also descended upon the college this holiday season.

Many of the residential halls are decorating, planning parties, and having food and clothing drives for the needy.

Dykstra Hall's tree and cookie decorating party included pizza compliments of C.A.A.R.E. They won the pizza for best attendance at a C.A.A.R.E seminar in a female hall.

In addition to decorating, Dykstra is also adopting a family through the Community Action House.

"This is the second year in a row we have done this," said Dykstra Resident Director Holly McKee. "We supply the family with the fixings of a Christmas meal and at least two to three gifts per person. We also collect canned food, paper products, cleaning supplies, bathroom items, blankets, gift certi-

cates, cereals, and medicines."

I.V.E League is also collecting basic items for the needy through the use of their Christmas trees in the lobbies of Maas, DeWitt, and the Library.

The paper ornaments ask for supplies like conditioner, paper towels, and diapers. Students are encouraged to remove an ornament and to bring that item to the DeWitt lobby between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday Dec. 5.

"The gifts go to the Center for Women in Transition in Holland," said I.V.E League member Jill Harkins ('98). "This project gives I.V.E League the opportunity to facilitate a project that fosters a giving spirit in the Hope Community and it benefits the Holland community."

Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed service fraternity, is participating in a variety of service projects for the Christmas season. They are helping the Community Action House by sorting food for holiday baskets. To help area parents shop, they are babysitting children at the Holland Museum.

APO is also helping the Boys and Girls Club put together a Christmas Fun Day.

"We will help the Boys and Girls Club run the events and we will try



Photo courtesy of Holly McKee

YULETIDE YUMMIES: Allyson Boggess ('01) and Kathy Barnes ('98) celebrate the Christmas season by decorating cookies and eating pizza at the Dykstra Christmas party.

to keep everything moving sanely," said APO president Brad Andresen ('98). "I was a part of this last year and it was a blast."

Fellowship of Christian Students is sending a group of students to Chicago for a service project from

Friday Dec. 12 to Tuesday Dec. 16.

They will stay in a barn-like building with a wood stove for heat.

While there, they will work with a church and a school by cleaning, decorating, and giving the teachers a hand in the classroom.

"It is a great time to bond with other people in the group. We take one Hope van there and back, so that gives us some quality time," said Renee Saar ('98). It is a really fun time and we are enjoying serving the Lord at the same time."

Season celebrated around the globe

NOELLE WOOD & JAIME WEIDNER
holiday editor & staff reporter

In the USA, we cover our houses with strings of lights, write letters to Santa, eat fruit cake, and light candles at midnight on Christmas eve while singing *Silent Night*. All in the name of tradition and good cheer, family and festivities help to make the season bright.

For college students at Hope, Christmas is a three week break from studying filled with family get togethers, over-eating, and presents. Of Hope's international students, few will make it back to their home countries to enjoy their own culture's traditions, but that doesn't mean they won't celebrate the holiday.

"Most of our international students have family or friends with whom they spend the holiday season," said Stephanie Smallwood, International student Advisor.

The Monroy sisters, Miluska ('98), Fabiola ('99), and Daniza ('00), will not be traveling to their home country of Peru this Christmas. Instead, they are meeting their mother in Baltimore, Maryland, where their aunt and uncle live.

"This is the first holiday which we will all be together in almost four years, so we are all very excited," Fabiola said.

Japanese student, Tamami Shibata ('01), will not celebrate Christmas with family. She will, however, get good use out of break with "some intense site seeing" with a friend. The two plan to first fly to Mexico, then go to New Orleans, Philadelphia, and Boston, before

returning to Michigan.

All together, 95% of international students find places to spend to holidays, and the international office helps the others.

"It's our job to make sure that every one has somewhere to go for Christmas and that no one falls through the cracks," Smallwood said.

If they were to return to their native lands, they would enjoy festivities different from our own. Christ-

The historical city of Bethlehem, Israel, despite its ever-present violence, continues to be a popular spot for celebrating Christmas. Thousands make the pilgrimage every year to a church built on the spot believed to be the birthplace of Jesus. The Church of the Nativity has a silver star to mark the place, and above it fifteen silver lamps always burn. Around the star is the inscription 'Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born.' Pilgrims also sit in the fields around Bethlehem which have changed very little since the time of Christ, and are still tended by shepherds.

In Norway, one custom involves hiding all the brooms in the house on Christmas Eve. This stems from the belief held long ago that witches came out on Christmas and would steal the brooms for riding. Spruce logs burned in the fireplace and lights left on all night long also keep away witches and other evil spirits.

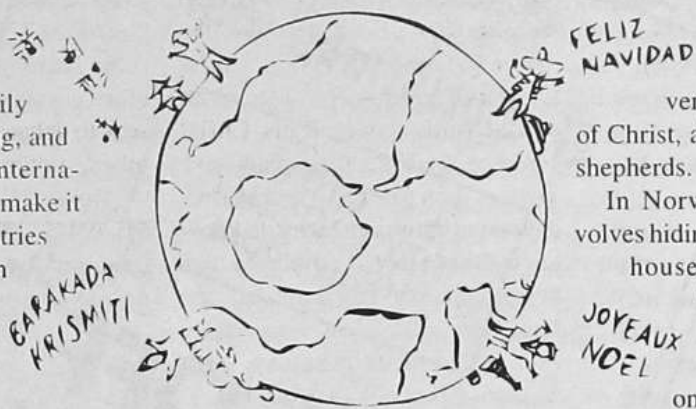
Ethiopian children dress in their best clothes and go to the royal palace in Addis Ababa to receive presents from the Emperor. An Ethiopian boys' game is also believed to be connected to Christmas. Ko-lee, a hockey-like game played with sticks and a wooden ball, is said to be the game the shepherds were playing while watching their flocks the night the angels came to proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ.

The celebration of Christmas in Japan began at the beginning of the 20th century when Japan began manufacturing Christmas products for other countries around the world. The completely secular holiday is devoted to children and helping those in need.

mas is celebrated around the world with traditions both borrowed from other countries and those unique to each culture.

In the Netherlands, children leave out their shoes, wooden or otherwise, in hopes that Saint Nicholas will stop on his horse long enough to fill the shoes with goodies.

People in the Republic of Congo enjoy the warm and sunny Christmas weather by eating outside with friends. In Christian churches, members march around the altar and give birthday gifts of money or food during "March Around Offering" to the Christ child. Whole villages also take part in intricate Nativity plays, with a palm branch shelter for the holy family and beautiful bright costumes for the Wise Men.



The Twelve Days of Christmas

12. A Web site... [www.\(your name here\).com](http://www.(your name here).com)
11. A Milestone (they've arrived just in time!).
10. \$1.99 glow-in-the-dark straws from Taco Bell.
9. A parking spot on 14th St. between Lincoln and Fairbanks.
8. Back issues of *the Anchor*.
7. Snow.
6. Phelps gift certificates and Kletz cups.
5. Greek Week T-shirts
4. Grandma's gall stones.
3. "Get out of core free" cards.
2. Vegetarian flavored Ramen Noodles.
1. Ten lords a leapin', nine ladies dancin', one keg of beer... The possibilities are endless.



Merry Christmas in many languages

- Belgium - Zalige Kertfeest
- Brazil - Feliz Natal
- China - Sheng Tan Kuai Loh
- Denmark - Glaedelig Jul
- England- Happy Christmas
- Finland - Hauskaa Joulua
- France - Joyeux Noel
- Germany - Frohliche Weihnachten
- Greece - Eftihismena Christougenna
- Ireland - Nodlig Mhaith chugnat
- Italy - Bion Natale
- Mexico - Feliz Navidad
- Netherlands - Hartelijke Kerstroeten
- Norway Gledelig Jul
- Poland - Boze Narodzenie
- Portugal - Boas Festas

YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING HARD ALL SEMESTER, NOW PICK UP THE BOOK YOU DON'T HAVE TO STUDY.

PICK UP YOUR 1997 MILESTONE
AT THE SUD TUES., DEC. 9 FROM 5-7 AND
WED., DEC. 10 FROM 10-2.

ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR PICK UP WILL BE POSTED AT THE SUD.

ALL ABOUT BOOK BUY BACK

For most college freshmen, the end of the Fall semester is the first experience they will have with book buy-back at the Bookstore. Many students come from high schools where books were either loaned free or rented for a small fee and they have become accustomed to returning all of their books at the end of each semester. This is not the case in college, where books are purchased outright by the student and resale values are determined by a variety of market conditions. For the uninitiated this can sometimes be a rude realization.

What follows are some of the typical questions we get every year about book buy-back with some answers that we hope will increase your understanding of how the system works.

WHAT IS BOOK BUY-BACK?

Book buy-back is an opportunity for students to recover some of the money they have spent for course books they do not wish to keep in their personal libraries. This process recycles books from those wishing to sell to those wishing to buy and allows the bookstore to offer used books as well as new ones. Over half the titles used at Hope are reused at some other time, but with new editions, changing titles and gaps between the times a course is offered, students can more likely expect to sell back about 25% of their books at the end of the term.

HOW DOES BUY-BACK WORK?

During the last two weeks of the spring and fall semesters a buy is held at the bookstore. There are actually two buys going on at the same time.

1.

First the store buys books that are being used the following semester at Hope at 55% of the purchase price. The quantities bought are sometimes limited by projected class enrollments and the number of books the store already has on hand.

2.

The second buy is done for Follett College Book Co. of Chicago and the prices paid are their established wholesale prices. In general, these prices range between 10% and 30% of the current selling price. The bookstore does not encourage students to sell books in this manner unless there seems to be no indication that the book will be used again at Hope.

DECEMBER
5 THRU 12
I.D. REQUIRED!

WHY WON'T THE BOOKSTORE BUY ALL MY BOOKS?

In a given semester there are several factors that can cause a book not to be bought back at the 55% price offered by the bookstore. Some of them are:

1. The professor has not yet submitted a book order.
2. The book is not being used the following term at Hope. It is a good idea to try again at the next buy-back before selling to the used book company.
3. The professor has changed books because something better has become available. The bookstore no longer needs the book but it may be bought for the used book company.

Follett College Book Company lists thousands of textbooks which they will buy, but even they do not buy everything. For example, novels and religious titles are almost never listed. Also, when a new edition appears the old edition has no value even to the used book company.

There is never a guarantee that textbooks purchased by students will be used again by any instructor anywhere in the country. Students should not buy books with the expectation of reselling every one -- that happens in very few cases. The real value of a book is obtained by studying it carefully and if it can be resold when no longer needed then that is an extra bonus.

Please Join Us For
A Christmas Sale

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6
10am - 3pm**

One Day Only

**15% OFF
STOREWIDE***

Drawing for \$100.00 credit
toward Spring 1998 textbooks.

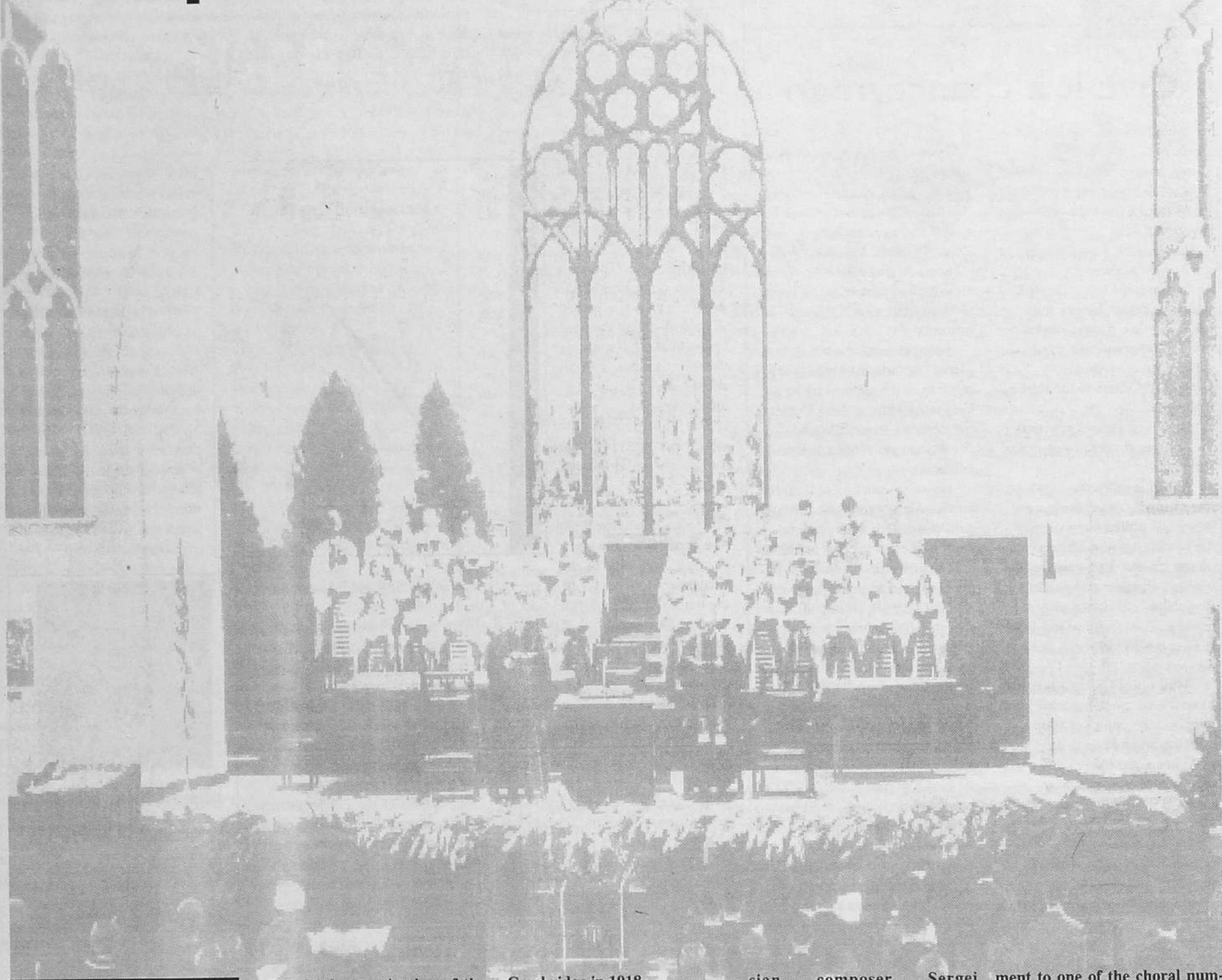
FREE Champion sport duffel bag
with \$50. purchase (while supplies last)

Previously marked-down items are
subject to the **ADDITIONAL 15%**
discount!

**HOPE-GENEVA
BOOKSTORE**

* excluding textbooks and computer software

Vespers tradition continues



MIRIAM BEYER
intermission editor


Amidst the Santas in the malls, the jingles on the radio about “that perfect gift,” and all the other commercial holiday paraphernalia, the story of Christmas sometimes becomes buried. This fact, however, does not apply to this year’s Vespers service. The Christmas story is the heart of the program this year – more so than it ever has been before. The entire program, including the scripture readings, carols, hymns, and choral numbers, is structured around the story of Christ’s birth.

The fresh organization of the program is attributable to the new Director of Choral Activities, Peter Jermihov, and his wife, Irina Riazanova. “Irina and I wanted to connect the music to the readings a little more,” Jermihov said. Jermihov and Riazanova composed a program that, flowing from music to scripture and back to music again, highlights in an orderly fashion many elements of the Christmas story. “When it’s all together, it works subliminally,” Jermihov said. The format of combining text and music traces back to a tradition started at King’s College in

Cambridge in 1918. Titled “The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols,” the program was sung by the King’s College Choir on Christmas Eve. Its purpose was to unfold through words both spoken and sung the story of Christ’s birth. Thus, there exists a British influence on the program; Jermihov has also incorporated two Russian pieces into the service. “The Choral Introit, *God is With Us*, is the opening hymn for the Russian Orthodox Vespers Service,” Jermihov said. The other piece, *Bogoroditse Devo, raduyesia*, by the noted Rus-

sian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff, will be sung by the Chapel Choir in Old Church Slavonic. “Teaching the choir to sing Russian went really well,” Jermihov said. “It wasn’t really hard to learn,” said Chapel Choir bass Dave Van Der Laan (’01). “The consonants sound different, but the vowels are all the same.” “The Rachmaninoff piece is absolutely beautiful,” said fellow bass Dan McCue (’99). Other new additions to the service include a poetry reading by English Professor Linda Dove, and dancers as an accompani-

ment to one of the choral numbers. Dove will read “The Cultivation of Christmas Trees” by T. S. Eliot. Despite all the new additions to the service, certain traditional elements are being maintained. For example, the choirs will still process to *O Come, All Ye Faithful* and recess to *And the Child Grew*, as has been done in previous years. The Chapel Choir will also still form a ring around Dimnent Chapel to sing *Silent Night*. Thus, for this year’s Vespers service, new and old will mingle, and the crux of it all will be the Christmas story.



CHRISTMAS VESPERS
SERIES
December 8, 1946
LIVE T.V.
ROYAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
In honor of those who fought and to the memory of those who fell the supreme sacrifice, we dedicate this first part of our service to the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

1. "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....Chapel Choir
2. "The Christmas Story".....Chapel Choir
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O COME
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FAITHFUL

As members of the men’s and girl’s glee clubs warmed up for the first-ever Vespers service on December 7, 1941, they received news that Pearl Harbor had been attacked by the Japanese. Five years later, in 1946, the event continued as a tribute to those killed at the naval base.

NUMBER OF SERVICES: 1

TICKET PRICE: FREE

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 500



CHRISTMAS VESPERS
SERIES
December 8, 1986

1. "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....Chapel Choir
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Now televised and broadcast over the radio across the nation, Vespers has grown into an event many depend on as an official inauguration of the Christmas season.

NUMBER OF SERVICES: 4

TICKET PRICE: \$5 (FOR THE PUBLIC)

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 4,000



CHRISTMAS VESPERS 1994

1. "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....Chapel Choir
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EPONYMOUS

Miriam Beyer

Give it a chance, man

We have a joke here at the *Anchor* office. When we're sitting around, debating whether or not we should put something in, or word a phrase a certain way, we always say, "It really doesn't matter . . . nobody reads the *Anchor* anyway."

Of course, I know that this really isn't true. I know that some of you out there read the articles; otherwise we wouldn't receive the overwhelming number of Letters to the Editor that we do.

However, I also know that this statement contains grains of truth.

A couple of Wednesdays ago one of my roommates sat me down and pulled out a copy of the newest *Anchor*. She spread it on the ground, and went through it page by page, saying things like, "Now, this doesn't interest me at all," or "Why would I want to read this? This doesn't excite me."

After I beat her up — because I know how much hard work goes into the paper — I started thinking about her words.

When I wake up in the morning, after starting the coffee, I shuffle outside and grab the trusty *Holland Sentinel* off the front porch. With my oatmeal at hand, I browse through the sections, checking out the weather, reading my horoscope,

et cetera.

I never, however, really read any of the articles.

On the other hand, I remember how a few summers ago I would wake up really early, take Zeus, my black Lab, for a walk, come back, and read *thoroughly* almost every article in the front section. I felt so worldly and informed — it was cool.

I also remember how, at first glance, the articles I read that summer never seemed particularly stimulating. "Area Center site debated," and "Clinton devises tax plan" are a few examples.

However, once I got *in* to the articles, they weren't bad. And I gained so much from reading them in their entirety — I could hold my own in arguments with my Dad, be a sparkling conversationalist, walk around all high and mighty because I was so damn knowledgeable . . .

The *Anchor* staff attended a media convention in Chicago last month, and one speaker, a writer, explained how he had seen someone on the subway pick up one of his articles, skim the first few paragraphs of it, and then toss it aside. And he thought to himself, "If you would only give it a chance, man . . ."

So pretend it's summer, and read the whole darn article.

Revamped OPUS hits the stands

KATE FOLKERT
staff reporter

OPUS co-editor Melissa Herwaldt ('98) describes the newest edition of the bi-annual literary magazine as "eye-catching" and "visually striking."

This semester's publication shows signs of the revitalization OPUS as an organization has experienced this year.

"People are going to be very surprised by this book," said co-editor Joel Cronkite ('00). "There's a lot more concentration on design."

Cronkite did all the page layout himself, combining the photography and art submissions with the written submissions.

"The photographs that were submitted really lent themselves to the subjects of the literary submissions," Herwaldt said. "Joel was able to use them like graphics for the text."

Long before any of the final design touches could be put on the magazine, the editorial staff of twelve had to decide which submissions to publish.

"Anybody could submit whatever they wanted," Cronkite said.

The editors look for a lot from the submissions.

"We're looking not only for innovation," Herwaldt said. "We want polished, well-crafted pieces."

The process of selecting works for publication is quite straightforward, but by no means easy.

"We first take all the submissions, take the names off, put them in the same font, and basically just make them all look alike," Cronkite said.

"When we read them we have no idea who they are by."

The editorial board then gets together to discuss and critique each piece before final decisions are made.

"This year we were able to stay at the cottage of one of the staff members for a weekend," Herwaldt said.

a page of handmade paper pasted inside this cover, and glossy pages throughout the entire magazine.

"The limited edition would make a good Christmas present," Herwaldt said. "It's something you can show people and say, 'This is artsy stuff going on at my school.'"

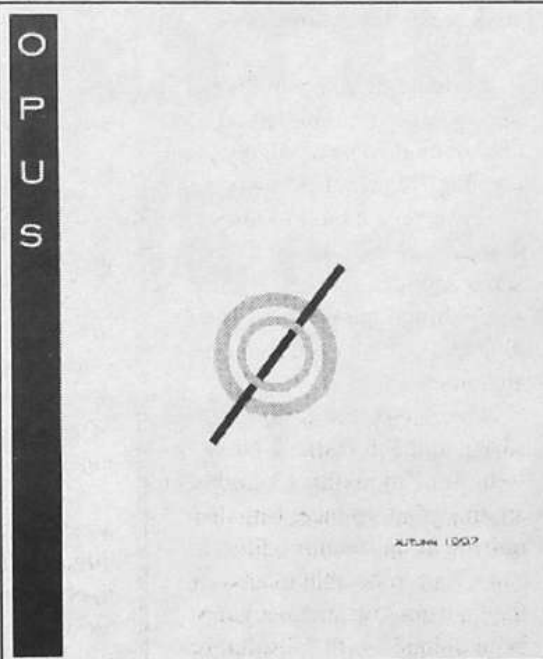
OPUS will be active again next semester.

The Thursday night performance series at Socrates Coffeehouse will continue; the organization also recently received funding to hold a *Beaux Arts* (beautiful arts) Ball in April.

The organization also hopes to co-sponsor more events with other departments.

The changes in the organization and its magazine initiated by Herwaldt and Cronkite have given OPUS a higher profile on campus.

"Every once in a while an organization needs revitalization," Herwaldt said. "It just happened to fall on Joel and my shoulders."



"It was relaxing and it took a lot of the tension away."

With so many people on staff, a lot of different likes, dislikes, backgrounds and personalities were represented.

This influenced the selection of pieces to be published.

"Anything that got the approval of twelve completely different people was great," Herwaldt said.

Free copies of the magazine will be distributed Friday, Dec. 5, at various locations around campus.

There will also be a limited edition of the magazine available by order for \$20. Highlights of the special edition include a thicker cover,



Gogh see the student art show in DePree

there until the end of exam week

"It's like music to my . . . words"

Visiting Writers Series and Faculty Jazz Ensemble team up tonight

SALLY SMITS
staff reporter

Poetry, fiction, and jazz will twist and fuse and swirl together for the final event of the Visiting Writers Series' fall semester.

Jackie Bartley, Lee K. Abbott, and the Hope Faculty Jazz Ensemble will perform at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Dec. 3, at the Knickerbocker Theater.

"Hope has often mixed prose and poetry in the past, and we've also often intermingled music with the readings," English Professor

Pinkney Benedict said. "We put Lee and Jackie together because they have similar interests in the texture of language, similar sharp intelligences."

Bartley, an adjunct assistant English professor at Hope, will read her poetry, including some poems from her recently published chapbook, "The Terrible Boundaries of the Body."

Bartley works closely with several other writers at Hope, sharing poems with English professor Heather Sellers and Librarian and Assistant Professor Priscilla Atkins.

"Jackie is a terrific person . . . we trade poems all the time," Sellers said. "I admire her vastly — the chapbooks she has had published are from very reputable, exciting presses."

"I would have to write a poem to get at all the subtle things Jackie is," Atkins said.

Poetry hasn't always been the core of Bartley's life.

She took poetry classes at Hope only after working for several years as a medical technologist.

Along with her interests in science and creative writing, Bartley also pursues photography, painting, and sculpture.

Abbott has published six collections of short stories, including his latest, "Wet Places at Noon."

"I do stories because, well, I

can," Abbott said. "Which is to say, in part, that with the story I can afford to fail, oh, several times a year and still get to Christmas with one or two efforts that make the necessary noise."

"[Abbott] is in love with language . . . he's also in love with humankind, in a slightly embittered, realistic way," said Benedict, who has known Abbott for about ten years.

Tonight's event will be Abbott's second "shared" reading.

"The only time I ever read 'with' another was at a performance space in SoHo in New York," Abbott said. "Before I was to go on, a woman dressed in a blue tutu played 'Tiny Bubbles' on her accordion — I did get paid, however."

Presently, Abbott is the director of the MFA program in Creative Writing at Ohio State University.

He has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize twice, and he won the Pushcart Prize in 1986 and 1988.

The Jazz Ensemble's music will weave all the aspects of the event together, beginning the evening at 6:30, and playing intermittently through the reading.

Head of the Ensemble Brian Coyle said they didn't originally intend to play at the



Jackie Bartley

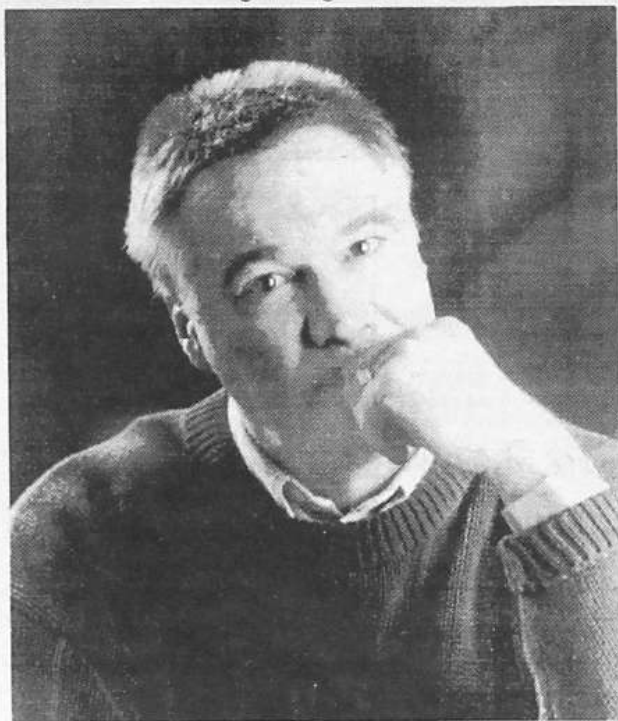
reading.

"This year we happened to schedule a recital, not knowing it was the same night as the poetry reading," Coyle said. "And we thought, 'Why go head to head? Let's put them together.'"

Coyle has read several of Bartley's poems, and the Ensemble has tried to tie in some of the music with the poetry.

"Jazz people are good like that," Bartley said.

"[The format of the evening] works pretty well," Benedict said. "It breaks up expectations, keeps you guessing."



Lee K. Abbott



DEEP THOUGHTS

Noelle Wood

Hope and a future

Next semester marks my last as a Hope College student. As I pause to allow this thought to sink in, my college career flashes before my eyes. It seems that my time here has been so short, and yet I have been unmistakably changed.

I have learned to use fancy words like plethora and epitome in papers. I can whip around a chemistry lab like I actually know what I'm doing.

I can ace an exam after doing no homework and spending 10 minutes before class studying. I can also fail an exam after reading, doing homework, and studying for an entire weekend.

I have learned to drink both beer and coffee, though not yet at the same time.

I talk to squirrels without feeling silly and call professors by their first names behind their backs.

I have been an OA, TA, VP and even succumbed to WTB syndrome (warm toasty bed—a horrible fate. Be strong, fight it.)

I have been to the top of Nykerk, and caught by Public Safety. I have bled and cried in Peale. I know where the little chapel is. I have laid on my back in the middle of an abandoned Pine Grove on a hot July afternoon.

I learned to play the piano, and forgot, for core credit.

By the end of the year, I will have had a class in every building on campus.

I have had my food stolen from the Dykstra refrigerator.

I once skipped classes to stand

in line to sign up for a mission trip.

I know that glow-in-the-dark stars make for illuminating decor.

While here, I have mourned the loss of a grandfather, an old Oklahoman Apache woman, and a young Minnesotan boy.

I have seen a total of three days of classes cancelled due to snow and ice.

The blood in my veins runs blue and orange. It's been quick, and amazing.

Now, senioritis is striking strong and I'm restless. Next semester I'm taking 13 credits of anything but science. I'm also retiring as an *Anchor* editor. I can't wait to be able to answer the question "what have you been doing?" with "absolutely nothing."

Oh, it sends happy warm tingles down my spine right now. It may very well be the last time in my life for a long time that I am allowed this luxury. I just found out on Tuesday, Nov. 18 that I have been accepted into medical school. In four years, I will be a doctor.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

Enjoy your Hope as much as I have. You were long ago promised both it and a future.

Best wishes and God bless.

Noelle

Riding Shotgun

One night stand with the shuttle van
by Andrew Lotz



8:37 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 25- I climbed into the Hope College Shuttle Van's shotgun seat and my driver was fearless Janelle-Moore ('00). As we pulled out into the street, the yellow flashing light illuminated our surroundings. I embarked on my night in the shuttle van.

8:46- The first call came quickly, crackling over the hand radio.

"T-6. Pick-up at the Knick. Over," said the shuttle van dispatcher.

"Students must be getting out of the student dance recital," Moore said. "One of the good things about driving the van is you get to know what's going on around the campus."

Moore explained what she does as a shuttle van driver as we cruised down College Avenue. She instinctively followed the paths her semester of driving had created.

"We basically take students where they need to go," Moore said. "I go out of my way to make sure the people I drop off are safe."

8:51- A group of women climbed into the van and quickly pulled off their stocking caps and mittens. They asked to be dropped off at Dykstra.

"I take the van because it's cold outside and warm in here," said Jen Strehle ('01), explaining why she used the shuttle service.

8:57- Another call came on the radio while the women were let off at Dykstra. With a mark on the passenger activity list and a quick head check, we were back on the road.

"Our average driving shift is three to four hours long," Moore said, when asked what a typical night of driving is like. "It's usually pretty slow. I listen to the radio to pass the time."

9:03-

The van pulled to a stop in front of a cottage. Two girls got on, heading for Brumler.

"We love the hooptie van," said Andrea Schmidt ('99) and Erin DeMeester ('98).

"It keeps us warm and keeps us from being raped and pillaged," Schmidt said.

I had never heard the shuttle van referred to as the "Hooptie Van," so I asked for elaboration.

"Students call it lots of things: the rape van, the disco van, the hooptie van," DeMeester said. "We love it. It's really prompt and the people are very friendly."

9:08- After dropping the pair off at Brumler, the radio announced a pick-up at Durfee.

Moore guided the van through one of the walkways in the center of campus. The van's yellow flashing light gave ample warning for student pedestrians to clear the path.

"I get angry when students make fun of the van to the drivers or don't clear the walkways," Moore said when asked about the downsides of driving. "Some people don't respect my job, and that bothers me."

9:11- The shortcut through campus cut our time and we waited for a minute outside of Durfee. I took the opportunity to ask Moore about any problems she's had with students who use the shuttle van.

"We don't take people off-campus, but we still get some drinkers who ride," Moore said. "They've never been a problem."

9:17- A young lady climbed into the van and asked to go to College

East. A blue winter coat was pulled tight around her.

"I wish that the shuttle van would run on 8th street," said Brien Hills ('99). "When I come from work I have to walk to Durfee, then call the shuttle van, and it's really cold out."

Moore advised her that the van runs stops to the Knickerbocker theater.

"You can walk there [the Knickerbocker] and then get a ride," Moore said as Hills climbed out.

9:20- Moore's shift ended at 9:30, but we received one more call on the radio, a pick-up at Phelps. Moore guided the van through a parking lot behind the Dow, and headed toward Phelps.

9:24- A young man climbed into the van, the first one besides myself, and asked to go to the library. I took the opportunity to ask him why he used it, and why some guys don't.

"I use it because I'm lazy and don't want to walk a long ways," said Jeff Pangle ('01). "Some guys call it the rape van and say that only girls ride it. But it really is convenient."

9:29- "See? Faster than walking," Pangle said as he left.

"I hope you had fun," Moore said as I climbed out. "The van's not very exciting."

But it was exciting. To her it was a job, but for some a night on the Hope College shuttle van is an adventure.

Students struggle to juggle their books, kids, and basketball

JULIE ECKHOLD
staff reporter

Tonya Rouse VanderSlice ('99) pulls all-nighters, but instead of staying up to study for exams, she and her husband Chris ('99) are up tending to their newborn daughter, Hannah.

Tonya put this semester on hold to care for her daughter, born on Sept. 30. She will take classes again this Spring, and join many other Hope students who are filling dual roles: student and parent.

The task of balancing schoolwork and parenting is a challenge that Hope's student-parents have greeted enthusiastically. Michele Jastrebski ('98), a dance major who had her baby Alexandra Marie on June 15, is managing to keep on-time academically. Jastrebski finished all of her dance classes last semester, missing only the final dance concert.

"Marc [Vanderbeek ('98)] and I have totally opposite class schedules, so we are both able to get to all our classes," Jastrebski said.

Chris Vanderslice, a member of Hope's varsity basketball team and an elementary education major, has made Tonya and Hannah his first priority.

"The family will come first. I find time to study when Hannah

is sleeping," Chris said.

Some students have even found that having a baby in the picture has given them a reason to work harder at school.

Joe Cipolla is a recent Hope graduate who has returned to school for his teaching certificate. Cipolla's wife and daughter, Danielle, 18 months, live in Chicago, where he commutes every

weekend.

"I'm much more focused," Cipolla said. "Let's just say I worked harder this semester than I have at any other time in my life."

Of course, parenting does not come without sacrifices.

Most parents just do not have the time, money, or energy to participate in many of the social activities that they once did. Jennifer Jones Sommer ('98) and Jason Sommer ('97) have found that their social lives have changed drastically since the birth of their son Michael, born 15 months ago.

"We used to go to my husband's fraternity parties, but there's no way we can do that kind of stuff any more," Jen said.

The couple occasionally drops Michael off at Jason's parents' house in Lansing for the weekend, giving them some time to spend alone.

Tonya, a member of the Delta Phi Sorority, says that even though many of the girls have remained close friends, she will remain an inactive member next semester.

"I just wouldn't have time to be at everything: the events and fundraisers. Also, the weekly meet-

ings on Monday nights would be too late.

The dues are also really expensive, and we just can't afford that right now," Tonya said.

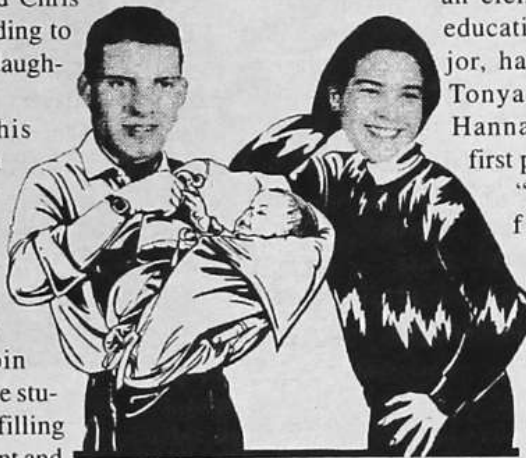
However, the parents have found ways to involve their children in activities at Hope.

"She'll go to lots of games,"

Tonya said. "We already took her to the Cornerstone Classic basketball tournament."

Jastrebski has also already exposed Alexandra to her dancing career by taking her to several dance concerts.

"Luckily, she hasn't started crying during them yet," she said.



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I compiled each accomplishment and created a top ten list of fall sports individuals and some of their accomplishments.

10. The offensive line of the football team. In a year in which their running back and quarterback had career years, an unnoticed line anchored by Rick Frens ('98), Todd Hornsby ('98), Tim Dykstra ('98), Dan Wegner ('00), and Tony Petkus ('99) dominated defenses and led the offense.

9. The starting volleyball lineup. Led by Emily Bakker ('98), Liz DeHaan ('98), Christie Eding ('98), Kuria Van Wieren ('98), and Heather Velting ('99), the team finished 28-4, captured their second straight MIAA championship and qualified for the national tournament.

8. Kevin Freng ('98). On perhaps the least known team at Hope, Freng led the men's golfers in shooting, helping the team finish second in the MIAA, and making a hard rush at Olivet for the golf title.

7. Darren Toohey ('99). The men's soccer team qualified for the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year behind Toohey's goalkeeping and brash confidence.

6. Melody Morscheck ('99). On a team that few critics expected to do well, Morscheck set team records in goals scored (19) and total points (48) to help the women's soccer team to a

school record twelve wins.

5. Ellen Colenbrander ('00). While the golf team wasn't able to repeat as MIAA champions, Colenbrander led the team in scoring for the second straight season and was second overall in the conference.

4. Jeremy Bogard ('98) and Joe Veldman ('01). Although the cross country team finished third, Bogard captured All-MIAA recognition for the second straight year and handled captains duties alone. Veldman was the squad's top runner and was an All-MIAA member as well.

3. Ellen Schultz ('98), Becky Timmer ('99), and Stacy Brown ('98). It would be hard to separate the top three runners for a cross country team that qualified for nationals and finished second in the MIAA. Schultz and Timmer also gained All-American status by finishing in the top 30 at Nationals.

2. Becky Schmidt ('98). The MIAA volleyball Most Valuable Player led the team to national rankings and the national tournament, and will return with a year of eligibility to try and do the same next year.

1. Brandon Graham ('98). Perhaps the brightest fish in the Hope College sea, Graham led the team in rushing and touchdowns for the third consecutive year and was named MIAA MVP. He also helped lead the football team to their first MIAA title since 1987.

Coaches of the Year: Dean Kreps, Mark Northuis, and Maureen Odland. Kreps guided the football team to its first MIAA title since 1987, Northuis led the women's cross country team to the national tournament in addition to being named regional coach of the year, and Odland took the volleyball team to its best-ever season and the national tournament in her first year of coaching.

Ready Four More

Flying Dutch look to repeat past success

MIKE ZUIDEMA
sports editor

Hope basketball has long endured great expectations.

The Flying Dutch return ten letterwinners to a team that is looking for a fourth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title.

The team has already been tagged as a Division III title contender as "Street & Smith's" and "The Sporting News" have named Hope in the top ten in preseason polls. The team has also been favored to win the MIAA in a preseason poll voted on by coaches.

The Flying Dutchmen lost in the Sweet Sixteen of the national tournament a year ago, following a team that made it to the finals two years ago, only to lose to Rowan.

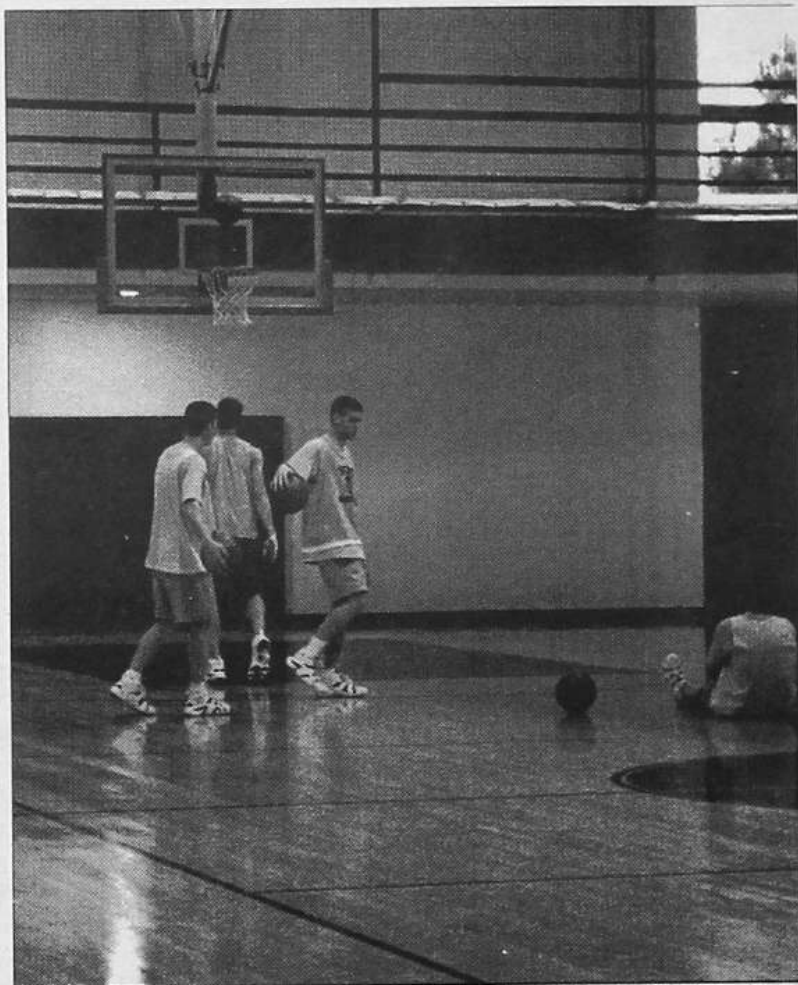
"Right now we have no idea where we are going to be in three weeks," said head coach Glenn Van Wieren. "But we feel good about our team right now."

In his twenty years as coach, Van Wieren has won 11 MIAA championships, and is currently the fifth in all-time Division III winningest coaches.

Returning to the team are All-MIAA first team members Kris Merrit ('98), David Meulenberg ('98), and Joel Holstege ('98), last year's MIAA MVP, who has been named to several Division III All-America teams. With a year to play Holstege already owns the career Hope assist and three point records. Merrit holds the blocked shots record.

Other key returnees to the team include Dan Van Hekken ('98), Josh Canan ('00), and Pat Stegeman ('99).

"Right now we're getting a feel



Anchor photo by Nicole DeChelbor
HOOPING AROUND: Members of the men's basketball team take a breather during a recent practice.

for what it's like in game situations," Van Wieren said. "Things are flushing themselves out. Our offensive and defensive flow is getting better."

Following a season-opening loss to NAIA Division II defending champion Bethel University, the Flying Dutchmen have rattled off four straight victories, including claiming the title of the Old Kent Classic, on Saturday, Nov. 29. In claiming that title, Hope defeated Grand Valley State University for the first time since 1987.

Holstege was named the

tournament's MVP.

"My biggest concern is that we're still maturing and we're playing teams that have played six to eight games already," Van Wieren said. "They need to evolve and they can't always compensate with talent."

The Flying Dutchmen will travel to play North Park tonight before facing Aquinas Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Civic Center.

"We're much more pleased with a lot of things than a few. The positives far outweigh the negatives, generally speaking right now," Van Wieren said.

Season brewing for lacrosse team

KYLE BLOEMERS
staff reporter

The members of the Hope College Men's Lacrosse team feel pain every time they step out onto the field.

With 25 players signed up this year, the team has already started practicing, prepping themselves for the spring season.

"We had a few fall practices outdoors, but we'll be having indoor practices in the Dow at 11:00 a few nights a week," said the team's Vice President and second year Lacrosse player, Bob Oostveen ('99).

The team is made up of freshmen through seniors, with experience levels ranging from no experience to many years of play. Some of the team members have even played high school ball in Chicago and Buffalo.

In his first year of playing, freshman Andrew Mackay ('01) is just learning the basics.

"I've always had an interest in it (lacrosse), but my school didn't have a program. I've always wanted to play," Mackay said. "I was looking through the intramurals book, and I saw this in there as a club sport, and it's been going pretty well, I'm starting to get the hang of it. It's a lot of fun."

For first time players like Mackay, learning how to play is an interesting experience. At the team practices, President Zach Jones and Vice President Oostveen teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game through drills.

"We teach them the basics, we do drills, but the best way to learn how to play is to put the pads on and

scrimmage, get used to getting hit and handling the ball," added Oostveen.

Being a club team may not give them all the attention that some varsity sports receive. However, Hope College does recognize them by purchasing sports equipment for the players.

The school supplies helmets, shoulder pads, and elbow pads, but most of the players purchase their own sticks. According to Oostveen, the Social Activities Committee will donate some money to the team every once in a while if they are "lucky."

Although the regular season doesn't begin until after the players return from Spring Break, the game schedule is beginning to fill up.

"We have a few tentative games set up already. The usuals like Calvin, Albion, Alma, maybe Michigan State University and Western," Oostveen said. "We might be heading down to Indiana University for a tournament down there. We have our own Wooden Shoe Tournament that we invite a whole bunch of teams to."

With a full schedule on the way, the team is looking forward to an exciting spring season.

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Swim teams look for league titles after quick start

MIKE ZUIDEMA
sports editor

The men's and women's swimming teams have won 11 of the 14 conference titles in the 90's.

The teams began their quest for another pair of championships as each team has jumped out of the gates with undefeated starts.

The women's team has started at 2-0 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and a 3-0 overall record following the team's defeat of Grand Valley and Alma, Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22.

The men have jumped to a 2-0 overall record and a 1-0 MIAA mark.

"I'm pleased right now, we rose to the competition," said head coach John Patnott.

The women, who have won 14 of 17 league titles with Patnott as coach, has already had a swimmer qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships. Betsy Vandenberg ('01) has qualified for the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

A year ago the women's team finished eighth in the nation.

In his seventeen years as coach, Patnott has coached 76 All-Ameri-

cans including Llena Durante ('00) and Erinn VanAuken ('00).

Patnott has also had 27 Academic All-Americans as coach.

Durante and VanAuken have continued their success this season as they have finished with team highs in many of Hope's events.

Vandenberg has also put out good performances as part of the 200 and 400 medley relay teams and in the 200 individual medley.

"The numbers are a little smaller than I would like," Patnott said. "I expect us to repeat and be pushed by Alma and Kalamazoo."

The men have been led by Brandon Nyboer ('98) and Troy Aumaugher ('98), who has returned to the team after two years of injury and illness.

Nyboer has posted team-best performances in the 500 and 200 freestyle, while Aumaugher has bests in the 100 and 50 freestyles.

The Flying Dutchmen have finished second in the MIAA after previously winning five straight.

"(The men) should really challenge Kalamazoo," Patnott said. "We have areas where we are strong and those counterbalance their strengths."



REAR TO FOLLOW: A member of the men's swim team dives head first into action against Alma College. The Hope swim teams have both jumped out to undefeated season starts.

Anchor photo by Nicole DeChelbor

"Calvin may have some impact on the league championship as well," Patnott said.

While Hope has dominated the MIAA under much of Patnott's regime, he does see the league gaining more parity.

"Things are becoming more even," Patnott said. "It strengthens the league, and helps the strong teams become stronger."

The teams will continue their season as they train for the Friday, Saturday Dec. 5-6 Wheaton Invita-

tional which will include some Division I and II schools.

"It will be a great challenge. We don't go there looking to win so much as we go there to swim fast," Patnott said. "We try not to pay attention to the score of the meet."

Experience and challenges highlight women's hoops

MONICA STUBBS
staff reporter

If you were going to create your own basketball team, one that was to be destined for success, you would look for depth and balance. You would seek out some experience, as well as a few talented newcomers to add to the mix.

Finally, you would put all of these

ingredients together, and see what might come about. Likely, you would find something comparable to this year's Flying Dutch basketball team, as their preseason second place ranking in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association shows.

"Our ranking is an improvement over last year's fourth place finish, and it feels good coming from the

other coaches in the league," said Coach Brian Morehouse. "It's a good challenge for the team."

The team's experience will come from a strong core of eleven returning varsity players, including six seniors. Tara and Kristin Hosford ('98) will take up starting positions, while Christie Eding ('98), Johanna LaGore ('98), Rachel Postmus ('98) and co-captain Jen Oosting ('98) will see plenty of action coming off the bench.

"It's hard to tell how Jen will do this season, but she played well against Saint Mary's," Morehouse said. Her season was cut short by a serious knee injury last year, but Oosting is back this year sharing leadership duties with co-captain

Darcy Zeh ('99), who has also faced adversity.

"Darcy has had lots of injuries," Morehouse said. "She had shoulder surgery before season and also had to go to the hospital after suffering an asthma attack."

Rounding out the starting lineup will be Renee Carlson ('99), Kristin Koenigsknecht ('01), and Lisa Hoekstra ('00).

Relying on the depth of the entire team will be a key for this year's Flying Dutch.

"Any of six or seven of our players have the potential to score in the double figures," Morehouse said. "I like to play ten or eleven girls each game in order to wear down the other team."

Already, the team is enjoying a 2-1 record, with their most recent endeavor ending in a 59-41 win over Saint Mary's College, a new addition to the MIAA this year.

Tara Hosford led the team with 16 points, while Koenigsknecht made an impression of her own with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Also in the double-digits was Hoekstra, a member of last-year's All-MIAA second team, with 12 points. Hope's lone loss came against Cornerstone College in the Cornerstone Women's Classic.

They will host the Hope College Subway Shootout this weekend and will play Trinity, Friday at 8 p.m. Bluffton and Spring Arbor will also play in the tournament.

Cross country team returns from regionals with All-American pair

MIKE ZUIDEMA
sports editor

Head men's and women's cross country coach Mark Northuis knows a little about running in Nationals.

While as a Hope student Northuis finished 27th in the Division III national championships in 1981 and 1982.

Prior to this season, Northuis had coached three All-American runners of his own.

Following the national championships held in Boston on Saturday, Nov. 22, Northuis could add two more runners to his All-American total.

By finishing 24th and 29th overall, Ellen Schultz ('98) and Becky Timmer ('99) achieved All-American status. The Flying Dutch finished 17th overall, 185 points behind champion, Cortland State.

"It was a very tight meet. We were 50 points out of tenth place,"

Northuis said. "We were pleased to be there and everyone ran their hardest."

Schultz and Timmer's times were just four seconds apart and finished just 40 seconds behind the meet winner. Also finishing in the top 100 was Stacy Brown ('98) in 91st.

"We started with the course looking like a quagmire," Northuis said. "The past few years were a track race, this year you had to be a strong, muddy-type runner."

For his work with the Flying Dutch, Northuis was named regional coach of the year.

"This was a team award," Northuis said. "We did things a little different but this is certainly a reflection of the attitudes of kids on the team. They came hungry every week."

Although the team finished in second place behind Calvin in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and at the NCAA Regionals, Northuis remains posi-

tive for his team's prospects in the future.

"All our runners have eligibility left," Northuis said. "We'll see how others develop and with three potential transfers, we have plenty of talent."

Northuis also sees a bright future for a men's team that finished third in the MIAA.

"Considering we lost one of our top runners in Tim Franklyn ('98), this had to be a rebuilding year," Northuis said. "The region featured what the future is going to be. Our young guys came through and ran well."

Some of those young runners include Paul Berke ('00), Jeff Kauffman ('00), and Joe Veldman ('01) who narrowly missed qualifying for nationals individually, finishing in 16th place.

"Both teams have the potential to qualify for nationals," Northuis said. "I'm very optimistic and so are the teams."

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In addition to checking body composition, Northuis, Cook, and Geerdink recorded the pullers' muscular strength and endurance.

"We also tested their grip strength, vertical jump, flexibility, body water content, blood pressure, and heart rate," Cook said.

Final tests were performed the Tuesday prior to the Pull.

"After the Pull, the pullers would have been too fatigued to test," Northuis said. Pre-tests were taken during the first week of practice.

Although the testers did not know what exactly to expect, they were not surprised when the results suggested that pullers were well-prepared for the Pull.

"Pull practices were, for the most part, beneficial," Cook said. "Pullers increased in strength and endurance."

"From heart monitors worn by pullers, we could tell that their practices mimicked the stress put on

their bodies during the Pull itself," Northuis said. "The pullers increased in the testing categories that they should have to be able to give an effective pull performance. Their physiological responses showed effective training."

Cook agreed that although pullers jump into intense and rigorous practices, "the practices really help them, and are reasonably safe."

Not only did test results show the effectiveness of the pullers' preparation, some pullers demonstrated physiological benefits after the practices.

"A few pullers with high blood pressures in pre-tests had lower post-test blood pressures. In general, resting heart rate and blood pressure decreased in pullers, though the decreases were not statistically significant," Cook said.

"One puller who was hypertensive before the practices actually had a normal blood pressure for the post-test," Northuis said.

The pullers themselves are confident that their training is more

than adequate.

"We are more than prepared for the Pull in practice, said Alex Ruch ('00). "I felt we were ready by the second Saturday practice this year," "Practices get you physically and emotionally prepared to pull. It's a question of getting pumped up for it."

Brian Johnson ('91), a puller and odd year pull coach agreed that pull practices were essential. "They don't only prepare you physically, but mentally and emotionally as well," he said. "You can be the strongest person in the world, but if you're not emotionally ready, you won't be an effective puller."

Hope's 100-year-old tradition has proven to be a "positive activity for the college," Northuis said. The pullers are strengthened physically and mentally while they entertain the community and give Hope College a great sense of pride.

"The college never had any intent to discontinue or change the Pull. We recognize its benefits," Northuis said.

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vorite class. I think that is because have a lot of control over the success of the course. They get to make it their own."

Other course additions include two religion 100 level courses which "give students an opportunity to wrestle with religion as an academic perspective," said Chuck Green, Co-coordinator of General Education, who is helping to implement these new changes.

Modifications and additions have also been made dealing with Interdisciplinary Cultural Heritage courses, more courses in social sciences, general education math and science (GEMS) courses, and requiring a second arts course to be a studio or performance course.

"Instructors are working very hard getting the new courses going," Green said.

He reports most feedback from the pilot courses has been very positive. Surveying and interviewing of students and the overall courses will be done in the next few months to evaluate the courses.

"In our restructuring of the cur-

riculum we are not just changing the number of core hours required for graduation," Nyenhuis said. "We are trying to change the content and methodology of the courses: more

emphasis on group learning, active learning, and student-centered learning to meet clearly stated objectives. I'm genuinely excited about the new curriculum."

correction

In the Nov. 19 issue of *the Anchor*, Dykstra residents were wrongfully referred to as "girls." The staff of *the Anchor* is well aware that Dykstra residents are actually women, not girls. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.



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Tuesday, Dec. 9	8:00	TR	12:00 & 12:30
	10:30	MWF	11:00
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	2:00	MWF	2:00
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	10:30	MWF	12:00
	2:00	TR	1:30 & 2:30
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